

Connections

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ASSESSMENT

New-look website

The Indiana Department of Health has updated their [website](#), and now the Center for Deaf and Hard of Hearing Education's (CDHHE) [website](#) is more colorful and user-friendly.

It also features updated information about our programs and services, history and foundational information, contacts, and Center initiatives: [IDEAL](#), [HAAPI](#), and our [Mobile Unit](#). Easily navigated tabs provide information and [resources](#) for parents and professionals. You will find specific referral forms for Assessment, Audiology, Early Intervention and Deaf Education [here](#).

Web-based forms now available

The [Assessment Team](#) is now using web-based forms (paperless) for ease in processing referrals and gathering the needed paperwork for assessment and consultation. These web-based forms allow for immediate notification of Center staff when a submission has occurred and opportunities to upload needed documentation for more efficient processing. They are available in English and Spanish through a selection on the home page and have a feature that allows words to be read if selected. Parents and professionals can use web based forms to:

- Submit a [Referral](#) to the Assessment Team
- Complete a [Center Release of Information](#)
- Complete a [Social Developmental History](#) form
- Complete an [Updated Background Information](#) (if the child has been assessed at the Center before)

Welcome, new staff

Virginia "Gigi" Bartholomew

I was born and raised in Indiana - originally from Fairmount - and graduated from the Indiana School for the Deaf (ISD) in 1984.

During much of my time at ISD, I was known as a cheerleader and traveled across Indiana performing to music in ASL. I went to Gallaudet University until 1990 then moved to Kansas where I worked at the Johnson County Community College as a financial aid analyst. I also graduated from JCCC with an Administrative Assistant A.A.S degree.

Prior to moving back home to Indiana a couple years ago, I worked at the Kansas School for the Deaf as a substitute teacher/paraeducator and secretary. I have two beautiful children, Joshua my oldest, is a school psychologist and his wife, Breanna is a Pre-K teacher. My daughter, Kayla, works at one of the best local ice cream shops (after trying their ice cream, you will never want to eat ice cream anywhere else!) and is planning to attend JCCC this summer.

I started at the Center as an Administrative Assistant in March 2023. My job consists of placing orders, processing invoices, working on contracts, as well as other financial matters and many more duties that I am still learning. I love my job and the people I work with and look forward to being here many years!



Sara Fultz

Hi there! My name is Sara Fultz and I am one of two scheduling administrative assistants here at the Center.

My day to day often consists of supporting my Assessment and Audiology teammates, as well as connecting with deaf and hard of hearing children and their families here in Indiana.

Outside of work I am an avid reader of just about everything, and I love thrifting. I'm working on becoming fluent in Spanish and have begun learning ASL (so far my favorite sign is TURTLE).

Joaquina (Jackie) Everette

My name is Joaquina "Jackie" Everette, administrative assistant for Center of Deaf and Hard of Hearing Education.

Being an administrative assistant, I prepare and distribute reports or other communication on a regular schedule. I maintain files, database, and archives of relevant records, responds to or route routine inquiries from external of internal sources with appropriate correspondence.

My husband and I are empty nesters, and we have two little paw kiddos: Max (Aussiedoodle) and Myla (Yorkie-poo). Max is 1 year old) and Myla will be 1 on July 10. We are looking forward to this summer with our paw kiddos.



Find out more

Check out the CDHHE's [Assessment page](#) to learn more about our areas of assessment and view our [Guidelines for Assessment and Educational Evaluation of Deaf and Hard of Hearing Children in Indiana](#) document.